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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE TO MEXICO

1. TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE, HIS WIFE, AND A SIZABLE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY ON APRIL 23 FOR A SIX-DAY STATE VISIT. PRESIDENT AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA, FOREIGN SECRETARY EMILIO RABASA, AND SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS WELCOMED THE VISITORS AT THE AIRPORT AND ACCOMPANIED THEM TO THEIR HOTEL. PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT INCLUDED DISTRIBUTION OF TANZANIAN FLAGS TO GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE WELCOMING CEREMONY AND POSTING OF LARGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF NYERERE ON PRINCIPAL BOULEVARDS.

2. IN AN INFORMAL ARRIVAL STATEMENT, NYERERE SAID: "OUR PLANET IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE; NO COUNTRY CAN CLAIM OWNERSHIP AND THE SMALL COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD WILL HAVE NO CHANCE OF SAFEGUARDING OUR INDEPENDENCE AGAINST THE RICH COUNTRIES IF WE DO NOT UNITE. . ." "ONE OBJECTIVE OF MY VISIT", HE SAID, "IS TO BROADEN RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE THIRD WORLD."

3. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, NYERERE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. ASKED ABOUT POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TANZANIA, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "YES, THERE ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TANZANIA."

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4. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, IN BRIEF WELCOMING REMARKS, REFERRED

TO THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AS
"AN INSTRUMENT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF THE THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES; NOW EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON OUR DECISION TO
BEGIN TO APPLY (THE CHARTER) GRADUALLY."

5. PRESIDENT NYERERE AND PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT YUCATAN
AND TABACO ON APRIL 25-26, RETURNING TO MEXICO CITY ON APRIL
26. HE AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WILL HOLD A JOINT PRESS
CONFERENCE ON APRIL 28 AND THE TANZANIANS WILL DEPART FORK
KINGSTON IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

6. COMMENT: THE PRESENT VISIT, ONE OF A SERIES OF VIP'S
VISITING MEXICO THIS YEAR, RESULTED FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY
RABASA'S VISIT TO AFRICA IN LATE 1974. AGREEMENTS OF VARIOUS
SORTS, INCLUDING A TRADE AGREEMENT, WILL LIKELY BE SIGNED
DURING THE VISIT.
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